

# PRES. ELIOT SEES WONDERFUL RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK IN HAWAII

## Daring Feats of Men Impresses President Emeritus

HILLO, Aug. 15.—The Hamakua extension of the Hilo railroad company was inspected recently by Dr. C. W. Eliot and party, a special train being put at the party's disposal for this trip. Many prominent people joined the Eliot party at the Hilo depot, and the special coach was comfortably full. Dr. Eliot sat at the rear end of the big observation coach and was very much pleased with the scenery en route. "Your scenery is very beautiful," he said, "and although there is none of it that can come up to certain parts of Ceylon, it beats anything else I have seen. I do not, of course, include the volcano in this, for that is the most unique sight I have ever seen."

"I have seen Vesuvius, and it is nothing to be compared to this. It is a great wonder that some of the big continental lines do not take it up and boom it ahead, for thousands of people would undoubtedly come if they only knew about it."

President B. F. Dillingham of the Hilo Railroad Company acted as guide for Dr. Eliot and pointed out to him the various beauty spots along the run. The observation coach, which, by the way, was built in Hilo by the railroad company, gives every opportunity for sightseeing, and those forming the party were delighted with the trip.

Slipping along over an even railroad bed, with wonderful vistas of frothing foam and blue ocean appearing through the open gulch head, now and then clinging to the top of a spider trestle bridge that rose a couple of hundred feet from the rocky bottom of a gulch where the water went swirling over the stones to the sea, the big Malua tunnel opened up ahead.

Through half a mile of semi-darkness the train went and then as daylight showed ahead the big Malua gulch stretched away for 1500 feet to the other side.

The party disembarked and viewed the gulch and the half-constructed bridge from the top of the first pier. Much interest was taken in the fluming systems that were to be seen all along the run.

## RACE SUICIDE IN AUSTRALIA

And now it is Australia that is worried over race suicide. Lord Denman, the governor-general, has advised a maternity grant to the mothers of children born in the commonwealth, stating that the birth rate is too low for a young country and arguing that men and women are the greatest assets of a nation. It is proposed to give \$25 for each child.

Even prolific Germany notes a falling off in the birth rate as a sign of the times, but it seems somewhat surprising that a new and prosperous country like Australia, which has



GENERAL VIEW OF PIERS ACROSS MAULUA GULCH



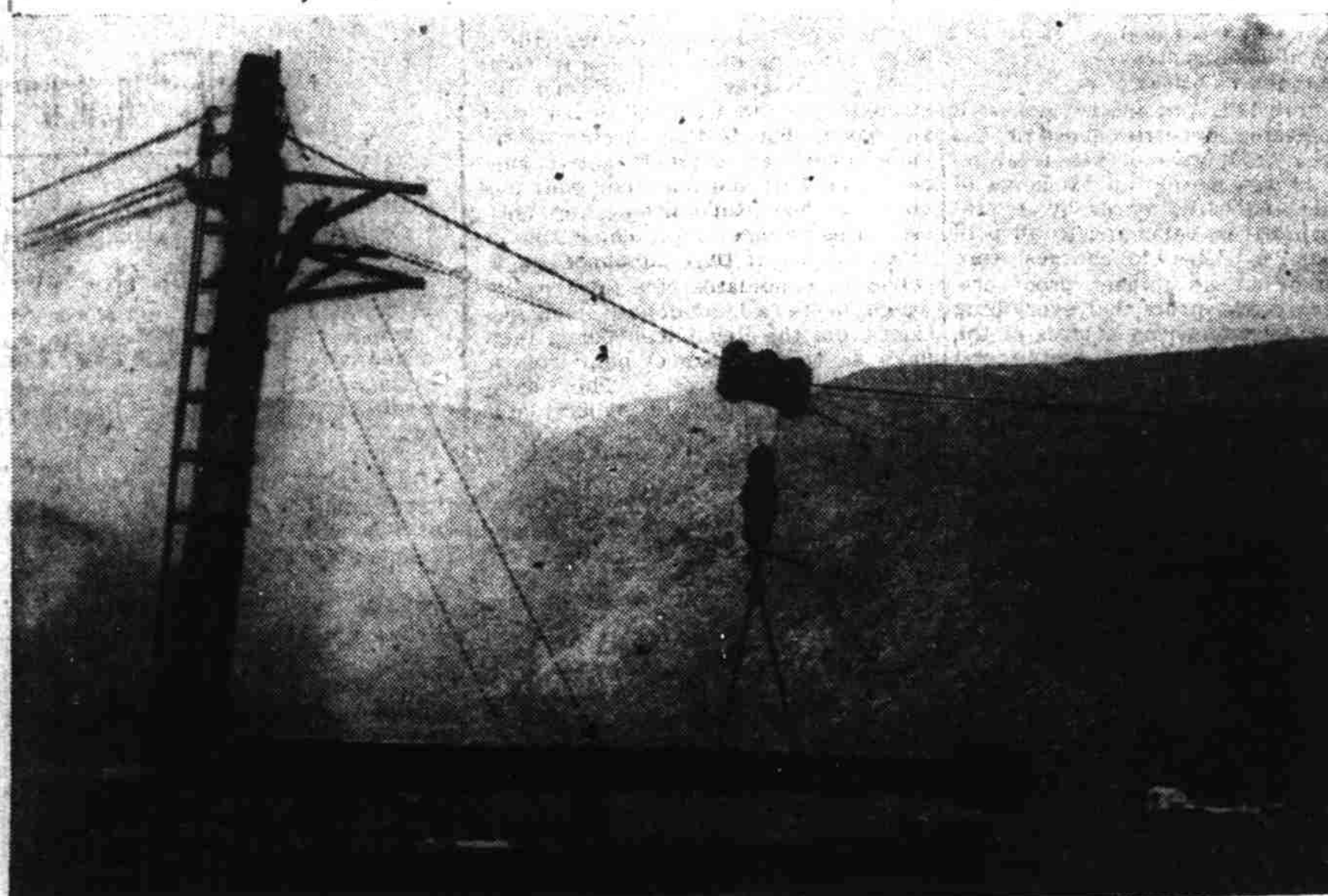
"QUITTING TIME" — AND SOME EVERY-DAY AVIATION.



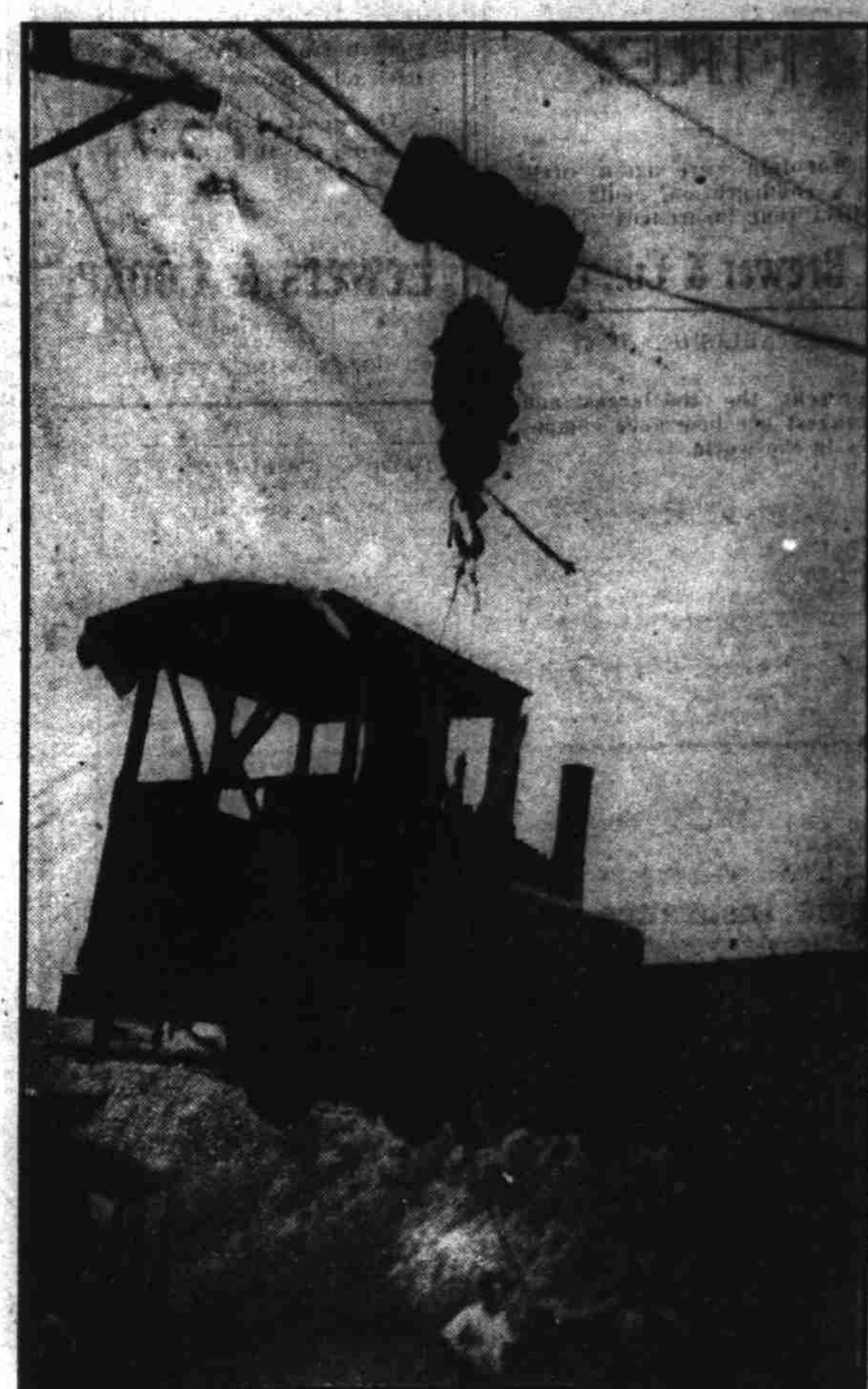
CROSSING MAULUA GULCH ON WIRE CABLE — JUST FOR LUNCH.

been calling for settlers and offers apparently great prospects for the future, should join in the complaint. In 1910 there were 116,894 births, 45,634 deaths and 26,581 marriages in the commonwealth, the population of which was, in that year, about 4,380,000. These figures show a good surplus of births over deaths, but a small birth rate.

Considering that the birth rate is diminishing in almost every European country and that New York State, outside the large cities, does not keep up its numbers, the Australian situation seems only a feature of modern civilization. Economic conditions alone fail to explain it, and in any case a bonus of \$25 for each child seems hardly likely to cause any great change.—Chicago Inter Ocean.



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## FIVE-YEAR SENTENCES FOR ASQUITH'S ASSAILANTS

DUBLIN, Ireland, August 7.—Mary Leigh, the suffragette, who was tried today on the charge of wounding John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Parliamentary party, with a hatchet she had thrown at Premier Asquith's carriage on July 18th, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Gladys Evans, whose sentence was yesterday reserved after she had been found guilty of setting fire on July 18th to the Theatre Royal here, in which Asquith was scheduled to speak on the following day on home rule, also was sentenced to a term of five years.

Lizzie Baker, charged with being an accomplice of Gladys Evans, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment.

## ENGLAND'S FOOD SUPPLY

The London Miller, writing of Great Britain's food supplies, says "these supplies are a matter of life and death to us, for, failing these, prices would at once rise to a point at which the poorer classes could not purchase them, and, except immediately after harvest, there are usually only a few weeks' supply of grain in the United Kingdom, and this would be considerably depleted before measures could be taken to control

its distribution under military or other supervision. The devising of a means to insure that there shall at all times be a large reserve of grain in the country does not seem an impossibility. A three months' supply is the least that should be held. Independently of what may be in the mills and bakeries of the country, and if the Government would provide free storage and a small bonus to merchants who kept a certain floating balance always in the granaries, in much the same way as some banks allow interest on current accounts when not drawn below a certain sum, the system might be made to work automatically and to give the authorities the right to purchase the wheat in store, or, at least, control the supply in certain eventualities."

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